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MILITARY HEADQUARTERS AND PERSONNEL

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SUMMARY. MESSAGE REQUESTS CONFIRMATION THAT MR. LOU
FIELDS (ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR, DEPARTMENT OF STATE)
WILL ATTEND CRITICAL JULY 6-7 MEETING OF AD HOC
COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL EXPERTS. THE COMMITTEE
HAS BEEN MEETING PERIODICALLY OVER THE PAST YEAR FOR THE
PURPOSE OF RESOLVING THE LEGAL ISSUE RAISED BY THE
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NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES' IMPOSITION OF A WATER POLLUTION
LEVY ON AFCENT HQS AND PERSONNEL. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE
JULY MEETING IS TO PREPARE AN AGREED REPORT TO THE COUNCIL.
MR. FIELDS' ATTENDANCE AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IS
STATED TO BE ESSENTIAL. END SUMMARY.

1. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO REQUEST CONFIRMATION

THAT MR. LOU FIELDS (OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISOR) WILL ATTEND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL EXPERTS SCHEDULED FOR 6-7 JULY 1978 AT NATO HQS.

2. THE JULY MEETING IS THE CRITICAL AND PLANNED FINAL SESSION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. THIS MEETING REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF OVER A YEAR'S EFFORT/DISCUSSION DIRECTED TOWARD RESOLVING THE TAX EXEMPTION ISSUE RAISED BY THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WHEN IT IMPOSED A WATER POLLUTION LEVY ON AFCENT HQS AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL.

3. THE OFF-SHORE NATIONS' OBJECTIVE IN THE JULY MEETING IS TO ACHIEVE AN AGREED DRAFT REPORT TO COUNCIL WHICH EQUITABLY REFLECTS THEIR ESSENTIAL ARGUMENTATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THIS TAX ISSUE. MR. FIELDS HAS EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED THE US INTEREST IN THIS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL TAX REVIEW FROM INCEPTION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

4. MISSION BELIEVES MR. FIELDS' ATTENDANCE AT THE JULY MEETING TO BE CRITICAL TO THE DRAFTING OF THE FINAL VERSION OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO COUNCIL. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION OF MR. FIELDS' ATTENDANCE AT SCHEDULED MEETING. GLITMAN

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